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A Needed Boost for Cancer Patients

Cancer patients, their families and carers will benefit from the Budget announcement of \$3.3B in spending to address advanced cancer treatment and health care.

'This is good news for cancer patients', says John Newsom, Chair of Cancer Voices Australia;

'The announcement of new integrated cancer centres in Melbourne and Sydney, additional funding for cancer drugs and \$560 million to build a network of best-practice regional cancer and accommodation centres, for rural and regional Australia will ensure equity and support in a health area which in the past has been overlooked to a large degree, he said

'This means we have an opportunity to work with the government especially in relation to our rural and regional members to develop a centre that best meets their needs.

'Such collaboration will be the catalyst to attract the best people to this country and ease cancer workforce issues', John added.

In addition, continued funding for Cancer Australia, a large investment in "translational research infrastructure" for medical research facilities, is further evidence that the Government is addressing better outcomes for cancer patients.

Cancer Voices is a national consumer organisation advocating for improved and better services for Cancer patients.....

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